

### **REMARKS**

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1 – 42 have been allowed. In reviewing the application following allowance, Applicants have noticed several typographical errors in the specification. Referring to the published application 2002/0001853 A1, applicants would like to request that the specification of this application be amended in accordance to the AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION section of this Reply.

In addition, claim 19 has also been amended, where the word “binding” is inserted before the word “partner” in the last line of the claim.

The amendments proposed herein relate solely to matters of form and do not substantively affect the specification or the claims. Applicants believe no new matter has been introduced by the proposed amendments. Therefore, it is believed appropriate that such amendments be entered under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, and such action is respectfully requested.

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The issue fee has not as yet been paid. Applicant plans to pay the issue fee prior to the due date of September 1, 2006.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,

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